

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmək haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 19.
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 24.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center’s Community Health Team will be setting up the mobile clinic at the pantry on the first Friday of every month.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly at the Governance Center employee break room, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, April 19. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Ann Lewis.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Tyson Mercier.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Kristy Criss-Lawson.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. Monday, April 22, in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.



2014 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde opened its fourth consecutive exhibit at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, which commemorated Tribal ancestors who plied the Willamette River as a waterway for commerce and trade. The exhibit focused on the Native peoples who populated the shores of the Willamette River, the middle Chinook Tribes, as well as the Clackamas and Multnomah peoples. “We are here to celebrate the people of the Willamette Valley and the river. We do have a treaty that spans this entire region, the Willamette Valley Treaty,” Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said.



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2009 – Grand Ronde voters would soon receive new signature verification forms in the mail as the Election Board began the process of following a new Election Ordinance amendment. The new amendment adopted by Tribal Council required mailing of new signature verification forms to each voter who had a form on file that was five years old or older. The signature verification form also gave voters the option of opting out of having their name, city and state listed on the voters list provided to Tribal Council candidates, as well as having their complete address provided to a mailing service.

2004 – Tribal Council Secretary and Army veteran June Sell-Sherer welcomed more than 300 female veterans to the Tribal gymnasium for a daylong conference emphasizing rights and services available to them. The event was described as part outreach and part social mixer for women still seeking to break through barriers in the nation’s armed forces. “We women have stepped forward to serve this nation for a very long time,” Sell-Sherer said. “I always felt what I did was important.”

1999 – Some people were falsely signing Elders’ names to receive a free meal at Spirit Mountain Casino’s Coyote Buffet. Elders were allowed to dine free with a companion every Monday, but some people were abusing the privilege to get free meals for themselves. “In some cases, an Elder has come to the buffet only to find a false signature next to his or her name. It has been decided that casino staff will start asking Grand Ronde Elders to show their Tribal enrollment cards before entering the buffet. Elders are upset by this stealing of buffet meals.”

1994 – An advisory recommendation regarding Tribal Council salaries was favored by the majority of members present, with 43 yes and 12 no votes. The advisory vote in a General Council meeting was in response to Tribal Council’s decision to increase salaries. It included an annual salary for the Tribal Council Chair at \$35,000; Vice Chair, \$20,000; Secretary, \$20,000; and the remaining six council members at \$16,000 each.

1989 – The Grand Ronde Tribal Council began negotiations with the Tribal Corporation to regain use of the depot facility for Tribal office space. The corporation was requesting \$26,000 for the facility, but Tribal government programs originally paid for the purchase and renovation of the building. The Manor office was at capacity, with little room for additional staff as programs and services grew. Representatives from both sides planned to discuss the issue at an upcoming General Council meeting.

1984 – “Indian Concerns” was the topic at Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, where Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison and Secretary Candy Robertson spoke to parishioners. The discussion included past and present activities regarding the Restoration Bill. “We felt this group was genuinely interested in our history and what has happened to us since our bill was passed,” Harrison said.

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